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**Forest Service: Partial Revocation of
Sunshine Campground Withdrawal**

*Location: San Miguel County
Uncompahgre National Forest*

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PROJECT NAME: Forest Service: Partial Revocation of Sunshine Campground Withdrawal

PLANNING UNIT: Bureau of Land Management, Uncompahgre Field Office
United States Forest Service, Uncompahgre National Forest

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

New Mexico Principal Meridian, T. 42 N., R. 9 W., Sec. 20, Lot 11.
The area described contains 21.91 acres in San Miguel County.

APPLICANT: United States Forest Service

BACKGROUND: The Forest Service has submitted an application to partially revoke the withdrawal created by Public Land Order No. 1378 as it affects 21.91 acres of National Forest System land reserved for picnic and recreation purposes at the Sunshine Campground in the Uncompahgre National Forest. The land was withdrawn from all forms of appropriation and use of all kinds under the public land laws, including the mining laws, but not from mineral leasing. The partial revocation is needed to open the land only to discretionary land laws in order to facilitate a proposed land exchange.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION: The proposed action is to partially revoke the withdrawal affecting 21.91 acres of National Forest System land in the Uncompahgre National Forest in order to facilitate a proposed land exchange. The partial revocation would result in opening Lot 11 to discretionary land laws. The land would remain withdrawn from the mining laws, but would remain open to mineral leasing laws per the existing withdrawal.

PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW: The Proposed Action is subject to and has been reviewed for conformance with the following plan (43 CFR 1610.5):

Name of Plan: San Juan/San Miguel Resource Management Plan

Date Approved: September 1985

Decision Language: LANDS PROGRAM; Resource Objectives; Land Tenure
Adjustments:

Public land will be made available for land sales or exchanges or both. Disposal of the public lands may be accomplished by sale, exchange, State Indemnity Selection, or title transfer pursuant to any applicable Federal authority. Transfer to other public agencies will be considered where management efficiency would result. Adjustments involving sales or exchanges or both may be permitted. (p. 20)

Two more factors are: (1) consistency with cooperative agreements and plans of other agencies, and (2) suitability and need for change in land ownership including community expansion or economic development, such as industrial, residential, or agricultural (other than grazing) developments.

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW: The proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 11.9, Number E-3, which allows: "Withdrawal revocations, terminations, extensions, or modifications; classification terminations or modifications; or opening actions where the land would be opened only to discretionary land laws and where subsequent discretionary actions (prior to implementation) are in conformance with and are covered by a Resource Management Plan/EIS (or plan amendment and EA or EIS)."

None of the following exceptions in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, apply.

Exclusion	YES	NO
1. Have significant adverse effects on public health and safety.	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
2. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation, or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands, floodplains; national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources.	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
6. Be directly related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
7. Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the National Register of Historic Places.	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
8. Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have adverse effects on designated Critical Habitat for these species.	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
10. Have disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>

minority populations.

11. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites by Indian religious practitioners or adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites.
12. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species.

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INTERDISCIPLINARY REVIEW:

Name	Title	Area of Responsibility
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REMARKS:

Cultural Resources: Partial withdrawal revocation would not affect these resources.

Native American Religious Concerns: Partial withdrawal revocation would not affect these resources.

Threatened and Endangered Species: Partial withdrawal revocation would not affect these resources.

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NAME OF ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR: Jedd Sondergard

DATE: 4/15/15

COMPLIANCE WITH NEPA

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.9, E-3. This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The Proposed Action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2 apply.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL: _____

Teresa Pfifer, Acting
for Barbara Sharrow,
Uncompahgre Field Office, Field Manager

DATE SIGNED: 4-15-15

Attachments:

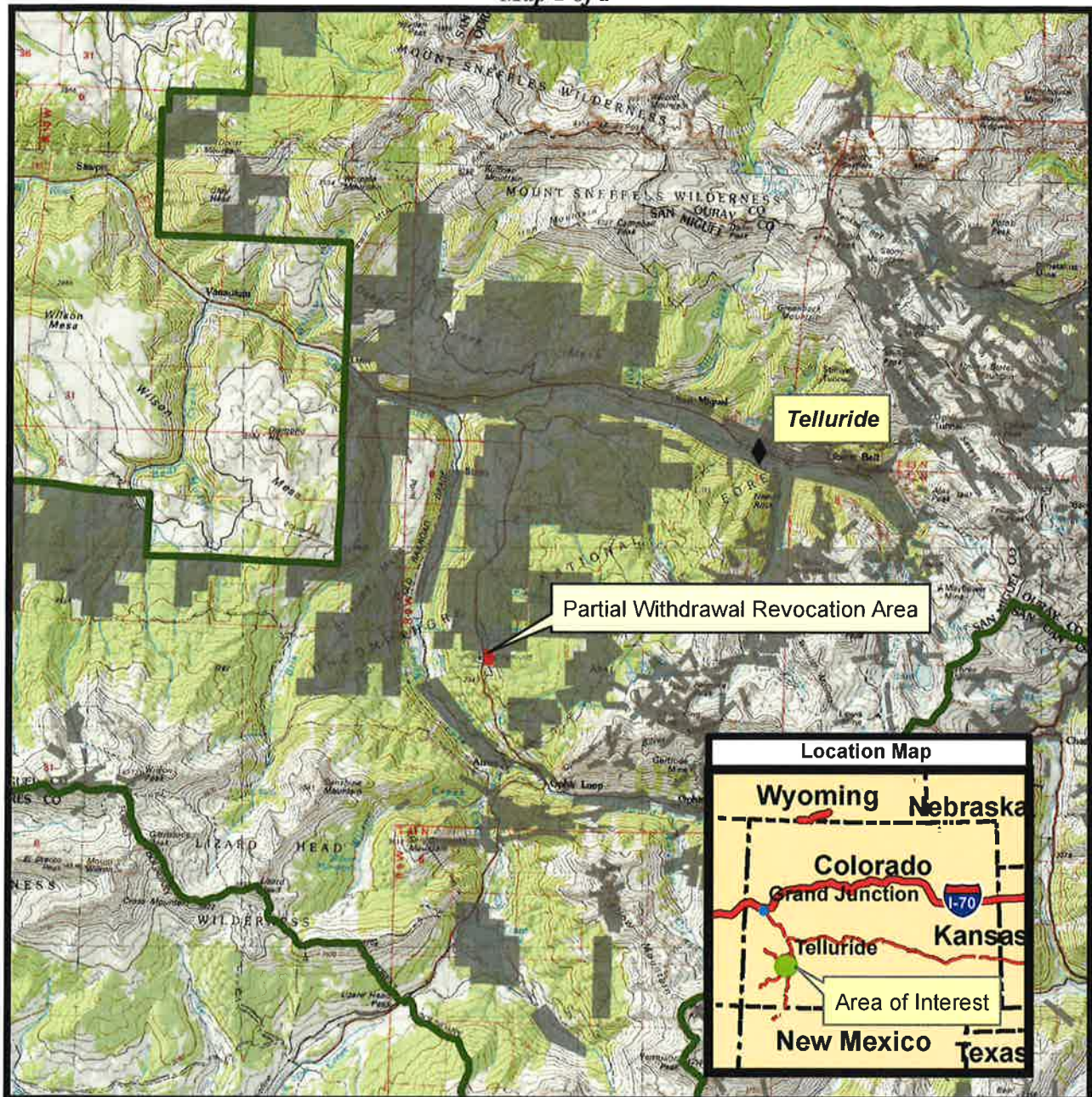
Application: Request to Modify or Revoke; Sunshine Campground Withdrawal COC 0123297

Land Description Verification – Federal Land re: NMPM, T. 42 N., R. 9 W., Sec. 20, Lot 11

Sunshine Campground Partial Withdrawal Revocation Project Map (1 of 2)

Sunshine Campground Partial Withdrawal Revocation Boundary Map (2 of 2)

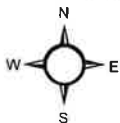
Sunshine Campground Partial Withdrawal Revocation Project Map
Map 1 of 2



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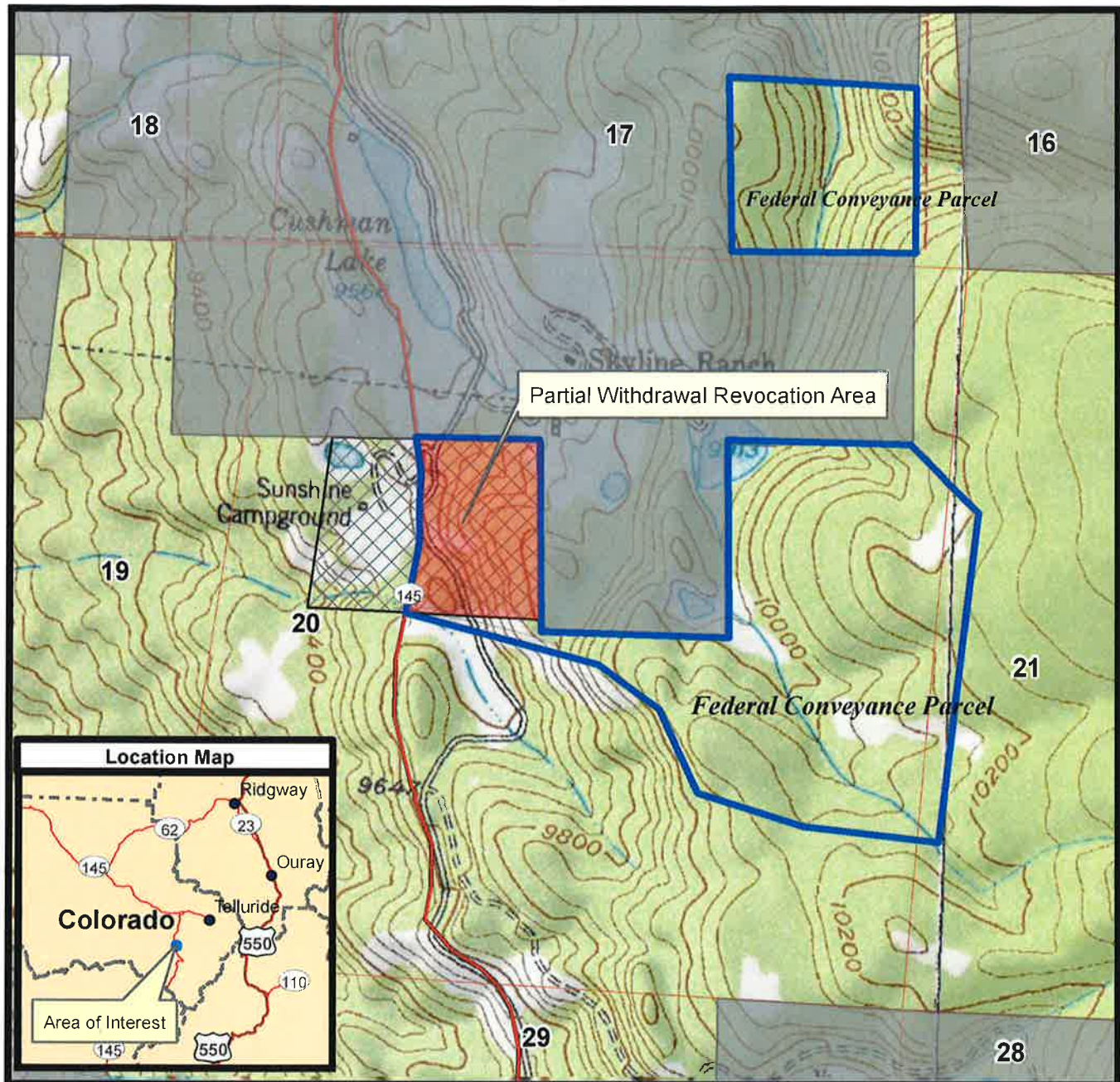
- Partial Withdrawal Revocation Area
- Forest Boundary
- Land Status**
- Private Land Within NF Boundary

Sunshine Campground Partial Withdrawal Revocation

Government Lot 11 of Section 20,
 Township 42 North, Range 9 West,
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 San Miguel County, Colorado

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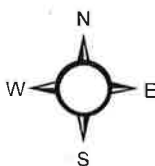
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Map 2 of 2



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